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(b) A concise statement of the interests of the party submitting the paper;

(c) Where deemed necessary by the submitting party, a concise summary statement of the case explicitly pointing out any inaccuracy or omission in the statement of the other side, with references to the record where appropriate;

(d) A listing of the reasons why review should not be exercised, each reason set forth in a separate, numbered paragraph;

(e) The argument generally amplifying the material in paragraph (d) of this section and, in addition, specifically replying to the points of law, policy and fact presented by the other side (each stated separately) citing the authorities, statutes, and other material relied upon by the submitting party;

(f) A conclusion, specifying with particularity the action which the submitting party believes the Secretary should take.

§ 202.6 Grant or denial of review.

(a) A petition or request for review by the Secretary of any decision, report, order or action of the Board will not be granted unless significant and important questions of over-all policy requiring the Secretary's attention are involved or there appears to be significant legal, policy, or factual error in the Board's action.

(b) The parties and the Secretary of the Board will be notified, by Order, of the Secretary's decision to review a case on his own motion, and of his decision to review or to deny review of a case where a petition or request concerning review has been filed.

(c) Promptly upon notice of a decision by the Secretary to review a case subject to review under section 6.01 of Department Order 117-A, the Secretary of the Board shall certify to the Secretary the complete record of the proceeding before the Board and shall serve upon all parties a copy of such certification which shall adequately identify the matter so certified. The Secretary of the Board shall further serve upon all parties a copy of any further communication from the Board or Maritime Administration on such a case.

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§ 202.7 Supplemental briefs.

If an order taking review is entered by the Secretary, further briefs supplementing the arguments set forth in the petitions and replies may be requested in cases where the Secretary deems such to be appropriate and desirable.

§ 202.8 Oral argument.

Generally, oral argument will not be necessary. However, the Secretary reserves the right to schedule such when he deems it desirable.

§ 202.9 Decisions by the Secretary of Transportation.

Decisions of the Secretary will be reached in accordance with applicable law and the evidence. Upon the determination of a case taken under review by the Secretary, a written decision and opinion which states the Secretary's conclusions and an explanation thereof will be issued.

§ 202.10 Petitions for reconsideration.

Petitions for reconsideration of decisions by the Secretary in any case taken under review will be considered, upon a showing of good cause, if filed within ten (10) days of service of the Secretary's decision.

§ 202.11 Ex parte communications.

Oral or written communications with the Department concerning a matter subject to Secretarial review under section 6.01 of Department Order 117-A, unless otherwise provided by law or by order, rule, or regulation of the Department, shall be deemed ex parte communications and shall not be part of the record and shall not be considered in making any recommendation, decision or action; *Provided, however*, That this rule shall not apply to customary informal communications with Department counsel, including discussions directed toward the development of a stipulation or settlement between parties; communications of a nature deemed proper in proceedings in U.S. Federal courts; and communications with Department counsel which merely inquire as to procedures or the status of a proceeding without discussing issues or expressing points of view. Any